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Dear Miss McAlinden:

You must have had a most enjoyable trip. I would not myself cross the street to see the New York World Fair (in fact I did drive by it last summer), but the trip would be worth while for what one could see going and coming. Were you disappointed by the Fair itself?

I am sorry for this delayed response but I have recently returned from nearly two weeks of botanical collecting in the northwestern corner of the state. We gleaned perhaps 1000 sheets of nearly 300 species.

No. 1 - Is Clarkia unguiculata Lindl. of the Evening-Primpose Family, Onagraceae. It is a rather common wild flower of dry, often shaded slopes below 5000' in the Coast Ranges from Mendocino to San Diego Cos. and in the Sierran foothills from Butte to Kern Cos.

No. 2 - Is Polygonum orientale L., Princes-feather or Kiss-me-over-the- garden-gate, of the Buckwheat Family, Polygonaceae. It is a rather attractive, large annual that occasionally escapes from cultivation in the East and Southeast, although it has not been listed as an escape from this state.

No. 3 - Appears to be Artemesia californica Less, California Sagebrush. It is not the Great Basin Sagebrush, A. tridentata Nutt., of the desert regions of Nevada, but is mostly a cismontane species of the coastal sage scrub and coastal strand.

No. 4 - Is surely a maple, Acer, but from the one leaf I cannot determine the introduced species. It probably belongs to the A. campestre-A. mono group. If your correspondent wants a definitive determination, ask him to send in a twig bearing several leaves and preferably either flowers or fruits. Maple leaves are quite variable.

Let me know if I am not giving adequate information with these determinations.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Thorne